<u>Claims</u>

1	A method of monitoring real-time communication on a computer netwo
2	etween at least two client computers connected by the network comprising:
3	providing a database of keywords, each of said keywords linked to a predefin

- 4 rating;
- 5 monitoring real-time communication on a computer network between at least two
 6 client computers connected by the network;
- 7 detecting said keywords in the real-time communication; and
- determining for the real-time communication a rating level based upon the predefined rating of said keywords.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the rating level of the real-time communication is 2 conveyed to at least one of the client computers.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein at least one additional client computer receives
- 2 the real-time communication, and wherein the rating level of the real-time
- 3 communication is conveyed to the at least one additional client computer.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the determining of the rating level for the real-
- time communication occurs simultaneously with the real-time communication.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the determining of the rating level for the real-
- 2 time communication is based on evaluation of individual ratings of a plurality of different
- 3 keywords.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1 further including terminating the real-time communication
- of at least one of the client computers based upon the rating level.

- 7. The method of claim 1 including predetermining at a first of the at least two client computers a maximum rating level at which the real-time communication may be
- 3 maintained; originating one or more keywords at a second of the at least two client
- 4 computers which triggers a rating level above the maximum rating level; and terminating
- 5 real-time communication of the first client computer.
- 1 8. The method of claim 1 further including predetermining a maximum rating level
- at which the real-time communication may be maintained; originating one or more
- 3 keywords at one of the client computers which triggers a rating level above the maximum
- 4 rating level; and identifying the one client computer originating the keyword above the
- 5 maximum rating.
- 1 9. The method of claim 1 including predetermining a maximum rating level at which
- 2 the real-time communication may be maintained; originating one or more keywords at
- 3 one of the client computers which triggers a rating level above the maximum rating level;
- 4 and terminating real-time communication of the one client computer.
- 1 10. The method of claim 1 further including continuously updating the rating level
- determined for the real-time communication.
- 1 11. The method of claim 1 further including continuously updating the rating level
- determined for the real-time communication based upon the highest keyword rating
- 3 within a selected time period.
- 1 12. The method of claim 1 further including continuously updating the rating level
- determined for the real-time communication based upon a weighted average of keyword
- 3 ratings within a selected time period.

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- 1 13. The method of claim 1 further including determining the range of the rating level determined for the real-time communication based upon highest and lowest keyword ratings within a selected time period.
- 1 14. The method of claim 1 further including connecting a subsequent client computer 2 to the network without establishing real-time communication; viewing at the subsequent 3 client computer the rating level of the real-time communication; and connecting the 4 subsequent client computer to the real-time communication based upon the rating level.
- 1 15. The method of claim 1 wherein separate real-time communication occurs between 2 different groups of client computers, and including determining a rating level for the real-3 time communication for each group of client computers.
- 1 16. The method of claim 1 wherein the keyword is selected from the group consisting of text, audio, video and graphical communication.
 - 17. A method of monitoring real-time communication on a computer network between at least two client computers connected by the network comprising:
 - providing a real-time communication monitoring system on a computer network including a database of keywords, each of said keywords linked to a predefined rating; the system adapted to: i) monitor real-time communication between at least two client computers connected by the network; ii) detect said keywords in the real-time communication; and iii) determine for the real-time communication a rating level based upon the predefined rating of said keywords;
 - connecting a subsequent client computer to the network without establishing real-time communication with the at least two client computers;
- viewing at the subsequent client computer the rating level of the real-time communication between the at least two client computers; and

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13	connecting the subsequent client computer to the real-time communication based
14	upon the rating level.
1	18. A system for monitoring real-time communication on a computer network
2	between at least two client computers connected by the network comprising:
3	a database of keywords, each of said keywords linked to a predefined rating;
4	means for monitoring real-time communication on a computer network between at
5	least two client computers connected by the network;
6	means for detecting said keywords in the real-time communication; and
7	means for determining for the real-time communication a rating level based upon the
8	predefined rating of said keywords.
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1	19. A computer program product for monitoring real-time communication on a
2	computer network between at least two client computers connected by the network
3	comprising:
4	a database of keywords, each of said keywords linked to a predefined rating;
5	program code means for monitoring real-time communication on a computer network
6	between at least two client computers connected by the network;
7	program code means for detecting said keywords in the real-time communication; and
8	program code means for determining for the real-time communication a rating level
9	based upon the predefined rating of said keywords.
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1	20. A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program
2	of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for monitoring real-time
3	communication on a computer network between at least two client computers connected
4	by the network using a database of keywords, each of said keywords linked to a

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predefined rating, the method comprising:

6	monitoring real-time communication on a computer network between at least two
7	client computers connected by the network;
8	detecting said keywords in the real-time communication; and
9	determining for the real-time communication a rating level based upon the predefined
10	rating of said keywords.
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